

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 26, 2013 and the minutes of the special meeting held on November 26, 2013. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Board members reviewed the claims from November 8, 2013 through December 5, 2013. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm gave update reports on the hydrology study, Phase I of the storm sewer project proposals, and the Krodel-Braun storm sewer project.

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked if the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the developers of the Good Samaritan subdivision, could

renew its letter of credit and performance bond that expires December 17, 2013 for one year. The amount of the bond is for \$312,938.42.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the extension of the Northwood Good Samaritan performance bond for \$312,938.42 for one year. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PERFORMANCE BOND**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Robert A. and Mary Jane Durcholz, developers of the subdivision known as Wind Song Estates, want to renew the performance bond and letter of credit for that subdivision that expires December 11, 2013 for one year. The bond amount is for \$211,717.70.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to grant permission for Robert A. and Mary Jane Durcholz to renew the performance bond for Wind Song Estates for \$211,717.70 for one year. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PERFORMANCE BOND**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Robert A. and Mary Jane Durcholz, developers of the subdivision known as Brookstone Estates III, want to renew the performance bond and letter of credit for that subdivision that expires December 11, 2013 for one year. The bond amount is for \$77,000.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the renewal of the performance bond for Brookstone Estates III for \$77,000.00 for one year. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **SEEK VEHICLE QUOTES**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said the transmission went out in the 2002 Ford Explorer that is used by some city hall employees. Hurm asked permission to seek quotes for a new city hall pool vehicle. He would like to obtain an extended cab pickup.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to grant permission for the search to begin. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **STREET AND SIDEWALK CUTS FOR FIBER INSTALLATION PROJECT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Kimball International has contracted with a company called Windstream Communications to install fiber optic cable from the German American Bank located in town to Kimball General Office. Hurm said they have a request for open street cuts and street closures. Representatives from Kimball, Windstream Communications, and Windstream's subcontractor Lewen Line Construction were present.

Hurm said street cut permits were obtained as needed and the City did not have all the proposed road and sidewalk cuts before the project began. He added that the City has not had a project of this nature with so many open street cuts which is about 15-20 cuts. An aerial photo showing the locations of the proposed cuts was presented.

Mayor Seitz said he was disappointed that the City was not aware of this project in its entirety before the project started. Some of the cuts were made into recently paved streets and recently installed sidewalks. The public will see this and question why new sidewalks and newly paved streets were cut up. The police department received complaints about the cut at 15<sup>th</sup> and Mill Streets. They in turn had to contact the street department to fill the cut.

Coy Samson with Lewen Line Construction said his company will replace pavement cuts and sidewalks to the City's standards. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reminded Samson that he will not be able to get hot asphalt mix at this time of year because the plants are shut down and will not reopen until April or May. Ron Beckman with Windstream Communications said the goal was to do as much aerial installation as possible then the rest underground. General Manager of Utilities Gerald "Bud" Hauersperger said Electric Distribution Manager Jerry Schitter has reviewed the pole attachments and did not deny access to the poles.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the street department has some concerns that need to be addressed. He recommended a full set of plans be reviewed by the City departments. He is not against fiber optic but it is becoming more difficult to dig safely anymore because of all the fiber cables. We all want to share the public easements but we need to reserve the easements for City use.

David Prechtel said another concern is what if other providers want to install their fiber. He said we need fiber but it needs to be done right. Timothy Bell asked who is responsible financially and who is responsible to put the areas back to standard.

Mayor Seitz recommended sustaining the request until Windstream and Lewen Line can meet with City departments. The other board members agreed.

#### **ANNUAL SUPPLY BIDS FOR 2014**

At the November 26, 2013 special meeting, some of the annual supply bids for 2014 were taken under advisement. The items under advisement so they could be reviewed and a recommendation made were Items #1, #3, and #5.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said all required paperwork was completed and enclosed with each bid.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle made the following recommendations.

**ITEM #1**      **CRUSHED STONE**

1-A      FOB City stockpile at City Garage, 10,000 tons or less-low quote submitted by Mulzer Crushed Stone

1-B      FOB suppliers stockpile, loaded on City trucks and weighed, 10,000 tons or less—Cave Quarries. Cave Quarries was the only bidder for #1-B.

**Item #3**      **Bituminous Patching Material**

Patching material, 200 tons or more.

Because the City reserves the right to award the bid to one or more bidders depending upon availability, the street department recommended awarding Item #3 to both bidders, Cave Quarries and J.H. Rudolph & Co., using the lowest bidder first with the option to use other bidders based on location and availability.

**Item #5 Concrete & Flowable Fill**

The street department recommended accepting both bids, IMI Southwest and Central Concrete, based on small load charges, fuel charges, and availability. Eckerle said they would go to the lowest bidder first.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the recommendations and accept the bids not awarded on November 26, 2013. Motion carried 3-0.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR PHONE SYSTEM**

Mayor Seitz said the development of a phone system and its wiring needs to be reviewed. The City needs assistance to create the specifications and it must be a vendor who will not bid on the project. SiteWise Systems of Huntingburg will do such work for \$10,300.00. Seitz also said currently the Utility Service Board has agreed to pay \$4,000.00 towards this project but this matter will again be addressed at their next meeting to discuss paying 50% of the cost.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to hire SiteWise Systems for an amount not-to-exceed \$6,300.00 for the civil city's share of the cost. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**